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CARNIVAL!

On account of unforeseen difficulties the date of the first annual Y. W. Y. M. carnival has been changed from the 5th of December to the 20th. However this gives the promoters time to perfect the program. Several new numbers have been contracted. Among them are: "The Lang Sisters" in their vaudeville act that was the hit of the New York season. Beatrice Olson in the worlds greatest melodrama, "The Man That D'nd't Come back" has been secured at a large expense. The educational exhibit promises to be one of the most spectacular ever exhibited in the city of Ames. The exhibits have been coming in at a great rate and competition is lively for the blue ribbons.

If you cannot join the army, you will have a chance to "Shoot a pill at Kaiser Bill" anyway. This stand has replaced the Nigger Baby stand. The faculty show is one of the most unique performances that has ever been presented, and will be well worth your time and money to attend. The various classes will put on stunts and the Campfire Girl and Boy Scouts have programs. Negro minstrels brought directly from the Orpheum will be on hand to afford side-splitting amusement. A large circus has been chartered to give an entertainment on that evening with its clowns, animals, side shows etc. The art gallery department will present an unusually large collection. Various pictures and antique collections have been secured and will be exhibited at a normal price. Last but not least the booths for eats will be galore. No carnival is complete without the eats.

The management has generously decided to give all the proceeds of the carnival to the Army Y. M. C. A. work, so you see your money goes to a worthy cause. An admission of 10 cents will be charged at the door and the various booths and side shows will cost 5 or 10 cents. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. High School Students, Citizens of Ames, College Students, Everyone, the Army Y. M. C. A. needs your money so bring plenty.

LIVING PICTURES

"Splendid! I was very much pleased," said Supt. Hicks. I never saw such a spirit of co-operation and willingness to help. Everybody in all the schools helped to do whatever was asked of them."

One hundred, fifty-six dollars and thirty-two cents was taken in. Of this amount the public schools get one-half, but will have to pay out about twelve dollars in local expenses. This money will go to purchase pictures for the various schools in Ames.

The most popular pictures were the patriotic ones with "How to Salute the Flag" leading. Browns pictures of everyday childhood received enthusiastic applause. The other pictures also deserve much credit.

"The posing was ideal," says Prof. Hicks.

DECLAMATORY TRYOUTS

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

On Monday and Tuesday of next week the twenty-five or more declamatory contestants will meet in the tryouts for the home contest. A member of the college public speaking department is to be hired to judge these contests and the home contest January 16. Four persons will be chosen in the dramatic and humorous divisions and two in the oratorical. Miss Fickel has been putting in long days, and if the contestants have as much interest we'll be sure to have a winner.

The extemporaneous contest will take place sometime in January. Those trying out have found a big job on their hands but their interest is holding and no one is backing out.

Carroll has not yet come to terms with Ames as to which side we shall debate upon. Last year they had their choice and they seem to want it again. Leslie Gray is now on the team because Anna Lindauer decided that she could not carry the work. Everybody will agree that as soon as his delivery is improved he will be the best on the team.

We don't want to boast, but the members of these three teams intend to win honors for Ames High this year.

SENIOR TAFFY PULL

On Tuesday evening, November 27th, the Seniors had a taffy pull. As the slogan is "Less Sugar," the taffy was made of pure sorghum. Apples and pop corn balls also helped to make up the "eats." A jolly and "peppy" time was reported by all who attended.

HATS OFF

A. H. S. will soon be the proud possessor of a service flag with thirty-three stars in it. The seniors can justly be very proud with fourteen boys out of thirty-six in the service. The sophmores come next with seven, the juniors with five, the graduates of last year have three and the freshmen have two. We have thirty-three boys in the service and one-hundred and forty-five in high school. Let's make equal records in Red Cross work, knitting, thrift cards, Y. M. C. A. pledges and other work.

GIRLS! RED CROSS.

Every girl in A. H. S. stop and think before you make any other arrangements for Saturday afternoon and Monday evening—Why? Because thirty thousand dressings must be made before Christmas in order to fill our cities quota—thus making it necessary for two thousand one hundred and fifty dressings to be made every day. Your help is certainly needed.

LET'S KEEP UP THE PEP!

Though the days and nights are getting pretty frosty and chiseily, let's don't forget the Hi Y, the place of lots of pepper and fun. The Bible study books have come and with them some more pep.

Fellows who have been working every Saturday to save your dollars for that great fund, the Y. M. C. A. War Fund, "lest we forget," the first payment is to be made on January first.

The HiY stands for pep. It is made of pepper. There's a nice warm place for you there.

Talk about a circus—you will after the twentieth.

**The Bi-Weekly News Issue of
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EDITORIAL

Just because we are young, undeveloped boys and girls, and can't do much, is that any reason why we should "let George do it?" Some of the boys talk about enlisting as soon as they are old enough and some of the girls say that soldiers "are just the nicest things," and think they have proved themselves real patriots.

A REAL patriot does not waste food, because "food will win the war." At Camp Dodge, and probably in all military camps, the soldier who leaves anything eatable on his plate must place his name under his plate and finish what he leaves before he is served anything more. These men are not only sacrificing their lives, they are also sacrificing their appetites! There is only so much food in the United States, and every tiny bit that can be saved is sent to our soldiers in France, our brave allies, or the starving women and children in France Roumania, Belgium, and God alone knows how many other places. When you start to put that stale crust of bread in the waste basket, just stop to think that is Belgium alone, every day enough women and children are dying of starvation to wipe out of existence a town the size of Ames, and put that crust in your mouth instead, so that at supper time you won't eat so much. Every time you save a crust a child's life somewhere is saved for one day, because your mother uses less flour, less flour has to be saved for use in the United States, and more can be sent to Europe. That may sound like an exaggeration, but while Hoover was working in Belgium, he said that "a crust of white bread every day will swing the balance of a child's life from starvation to adequate nourishment." From the first grade up, we can be FOOD soldiers.

Fuel and skilled labor are also necessary in "canning the Kaiser." Every time some of the "tough" peeps try to play tug of war with the paper towels, just so much fuel and labor and raw materials are wasted as went into the manufacture and handling of those towels. And, if their dads knew that "Archie" was helping to raise the scale of the next school tax, "Archie" would probably take a trip to the wood shed. Other things requiring fuel, labor and war materials are being wasted here in

high school by these thoughtless wasters. Wouldn't it be a good plan to daub a little yellow paint on them as a reminder that we want to help to "Kill Bill?"

The chances are that you are not the one who is doing these things, you probably either own a liberty bond, a thrift card or a Y. M. pledge, are doing Red Cross work, knitting, or some patriotic work like the boy scouts have done, but you probably know the bread waster, the paper waster or some other kind of a waster. Just gently but firmly impress upon them that they are doing treasonable acts, urge them to buy a thrift card instead of candy, show tickets and such things. Whisper in their ear that the Kaiser is a better bluffer than they are, can tell more lies, about what he is going to do than they can, and that the REAL patriot knows that "actions speak louder than words."

Hello Tom:

Well Tom this may surprise you slightly as I do not make it a habit of writing and then to do it is accomplished under supreme difficulties. The stories the old fogies of the Civil War tells are pretty much true. Did you ever try laying with your feet higher than your head and write a letter by candle light. Try it if you want to appreciate this bit.

I received two issues of the Spirit this evening and it just put me to thinking about the old school days and the bunch that had to stay at home. I read Don Sopers letter and from that I will say they are lucky guys. I don't want to be a crepe hanger but army life never appealed

to me like his vision of it. My letter will not be so interesting as the censor on this side says not.

Did it ever occur to you how a foreigner feels when he is dumped off at N. Y.? If it had entered your mind you have a fair impression of how we feel or rather felt. We are beginning to fall for the gibber now.

There is sure some beautiful scenery here. I wish that I could have seen this country before I studied history. It would have made it so much more interesting and impressive, and the old castles with the draw-bridges and towers are all here.

I see from the editorials in the Spirit that the students in A. H. S. are not hanging together any better this year than before. I can't see why either. From the stories I can gather from the fellows in our evening talks it is not that way in other schools. In fact just the opposite, from their stories.

One of the grandest things that a school can have is "Class Spirit." I know what squadron spirit means. If it was not for it we would all die of homesickness. It is the only thing that makes life worth living while in the field.

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Well I must close now as my paper is running short, so is the candle. Candles are as scarce here as football enthusiasts are there.

So long,

ELMER.

P. S.—If this goes into the Spirit you had better leave out parts of it or they will think I am "loco."

CHRISTMAS EDITION

NEXT WEDNESDAY

A special Christmas edition of the Spirit will be out next Wednesday, containing the prize Christmas Stories and Editorials. The prizes will be printed. There will be a revised list of the soldier's addresses, and all recent changes should be reported at once to Tom Musson. A tentative Basketball schedule will appear and a plea for Red Cross workers besides a liberal dose of news and jokes. So come early and avoid the rush!

NEWS

You'll find a wonderful change in High School the Twentieth

The Social service committee of the High School Y. W. C. A. met Wednesday evening and a Christmas party was planned.

Miss Gerna Noid of Marshalltown spent the week end with Edith Wallis.

Are you blue? Come to the CARNIVAL.

Winifred Crabbs has been sick in the Base Hospital of Demming, New Mexico.

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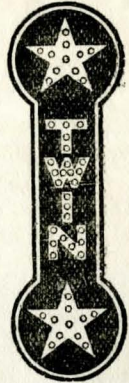
A six-act super-attraction direct from an extended run at the Broadway Theatre, New York. This unique offering took over six months to complete and cost thousands of dollars. The daring swimming and diving achievements are even more beautiful than "Neptune's Daughter." The notable cast includes

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Carolyn Crosby spent the week end with Marion Smith.

Dan McCarthy, Edgar Jacobson and Lowell Mattox made their regular weekly trip to Nevada last Sunday.

Roy Dalby and Dorothy McCarroll attended the Living Picture Festival Friday afternoon.

Miss Niles entertained the High School teachers at her home Saturday evening.

Miss Coskery's seventh hour English class has challenged her 3rd hour class to a contest to be decided on four points; interest, effort, average class grade and conduct. A party given by the defeated is to be the reward of the winners. The 3rd hour class has accepted the challenge with enthusiasm.

Fern Grover was ill Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Pearle Wanberg of Galva, Iowa visited Harriet Shleiter a few days last week.

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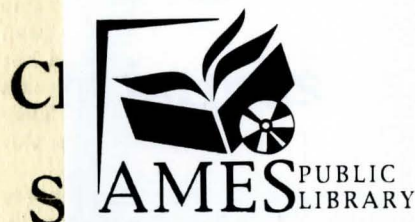
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ATHLETIC NEWS

The basketball season has started off in fine shape and prospects are good for a successful season. A bunch of twenty-five fellows have been picked to try out for the varsity. Innes and Sauvain of last years squad are two promising men for the coming year. Scovel and Elliott, of the All High School Class team, look good for the varsity.

The tennis tournament was not finished on account of the weather. The only class which completed its rounds was the Seniors. Beach being the champion of that class.

Are you cold? You'll find a hot spot at the CARNIVAL.

SOPHS WALLOP JUNIORS.

Elliot's floor work, Thornburg's basket shooting and Scovel's guarding helped by Cornelliussen and Bennett won for the Sophs. Dalbey played the best game for the juniors in tossing baskets and Howell and Potter played good defensive games. Myers and Byrnes, the other two members of the junior team were on their toes every minute of the fast, scrappy game. The sophs piled up thirty-five points to the juniors' seventeen.

Only four girls reported at the college Red Cross rooms Saturday Girls! We must do better. 1500 sponges have to be made daily until Christmas. What if it is cold? We wouldn't think much of our army if our boys refused to fight on cold days.

Cry? You'll laugh till you cry at the CARNIVAL!

The past week has been a big one for the local scouts. On Tuesday of last week the scouts held their annual joint meeting. During the evening a worker from Des Moines spoke to the boys, giving them suggestions for the coming year. The local council was re-elected, and Mr. Schuller was re-elected commissioner.

Ask Majorie Nickels the rule for using the north and south stairs.

Miss Boyd spent the week end in Des Moines.

Helen and Hazel Nesbit spent Thanksgiving in Belle Plaine.

Next Thursday, the various committees will meet to outline the years work for the Y. W. C. A.

Mysterious! Exciting! Charming! Daring! Funny! Where? CARNIVAL.

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Miss Gates went to Nevada Monday.

Jessie Bourland, Rozella Carberry, Romana Reins, and Mable Rodgers. Leona Nunamaker, Ruth Freeland. have received diplomas in typewriting for writing ten minutes with not more than five mistakes, at the rate of forty words a minute. The above record can be traced to the efficient teaching of Miss Boyd.

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